

## NAMES

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### Alison Arnold Writes...

If you are a newcomer to Duxbury you may wonder why there is a Depot St., a South Station St., and a Railroad Ave., and no railroad. For years the Old Colony Railroad ran many trains a day from Boston to Plymouth with stops at South Duxbury and Duxbury.

Of course you've heard of John Alden, who married Priscilla, but do you know there were other famous Aldens? Maj. Judah Alden, who became a military celebrity, was born on the old John Alden farm in 1750. He served in the Revolutionary War and became an intimate friend of Gen. Washington. Maj. Alden was president of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati from 1829 until his death in 1845.

Perhaps Duxbury's most eminent citizen was George Partridge, for whom Partridge Academy and Partridge Rd. are named. He was born here in 1740 and was graduated from college in 1762. He prepared for the ministry, but gave it up because of an affliction that prevented him from speaking in public easily. Then he became a teacher.

He served as captain of a company of Minutemen raised by Duxbury in 1774, and later he was a member of the famous General Court that met in Boston. He was chosen to serve on a committee to meet Gen. Washington on his arrival in Cambridge and was elected a representative to Congress later.

He died in Duxbury in 1828.

Wadsworth is another name that is closely associated with Duxbury. Capt. Alexander Wadsworth, who sailed around Cape Horn to China many times, retired to his fine Colonial home on Washington St. The house, with a captain's walk 5 feet high, was destroyed by fire in 1904. It was situated across from the Arthur Horn's house.

Do you know why the crossroads where Tremont, Chestnut and Tobey Garden streets meet and the Milepost Tavern is situated, is called Bailey's Corner? For many years Lewis M. Bailey lived in the little white Cape Cod house on Tremont St.

He was born in France, where he lived until after

the Battle of Waterloo, in which he took part and received a saber cut on his head. He later became a cigar maker. He died in his home in 1864.

And did you know that Duxbury was the first town to buy land from the Indians? The deed is still in existence and is the property of the Od Bridgewater Historical Society.